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...and another lie continues to thrive...

Galilee int'I conference examines Holocaust studies

By **DANIELLE ZIRI** 10/10/2012 21:57

Holocaust educators stressed the importance of speaking about the Shoah as a means of ensuring that such a tragedy never happens again.



PHOTO: REUTERS -

Holocaust educators stressed the importance of speaking about the Shoah as a means of ensuring that such a tragedy never happens again, at an international conference on Holocaust education that kicked off Tuesday morning at the Western Galilee's Ghetto Fighters House Museum.

"Remembering the Holocaust imposes on us a greater duty than ever before for moral awareness, precisely because we know of the potential existence of radical evil in every human society," said Raya Kalisman, director of the Center for Humanistic Education, quoting historian Saul Friedlander.

She explained that the phrase effectively summed up the mission of her center, which initiated the three-day forum and has been functioning within the museum for

The conference, entitled "Holocaust Education for Democratic Values," aims at opening a discussion on how to teach the topic to students, but also on the links between Holocaust education and democratic education.

Among the subjects that came up at the event were the use of analogies in teaching the Holocaust and the use of Holocaust imagery in visual arts.

Participants were Israeli scholars and education professionals, as well as academics from various foreign countries. "Democracy is what can protect us from such tragedies," emphasized Kalisman. "Learning about it awakens us to the other's needs. Ignoring the other's suffering is in fact the greatest danger to society. It will always be important to speak about the Holocaust," said Paul Salmons, head of the Holocaust Education Development program at the University of London's Institute of Education.

"The issues that the Holocaust raises are very present and relevant in the lives of young people in the United Kingdom," he added, explaining that his program aims to guide teachers across the UK on the topic.

Dr. Martin Salm, chairman of the Remembrance, Responsibility and Future foundation in Berlin, which funded the conference, said, "We believe it's necessary that the young generation maintains awareness about the Holocaust, but we also believe that it's got to be taught in a way that something that happened 60-70 years ago still touches them."

His foundation's mandate, he said, was "to transmit lessons learned from that particular history to the youngsters."

The museum's director, Dr. Anat Livne, released a statement saying that the conference's goal was "to shed some light on the education system in dealing with one of the most important aspects of our complex society."

"We believe that understanding the connection between the study of the Holocaust and education for democracy can strengthen values that contribute to the existence of a good and just society," she said.

The summit, which is open to the public, ends on Thursday afternoon.

http://www.jpost.com/JewishWorld/JewishNews/Article.aspx?id=287340

... more archival material ... FOR THE RECORD Fredrick Töben's Response to Federal Court Ruling

Federal Court of Australia Ruling [2002] FCA 1150 Tuesday, 17th September 2002

The Australian Federal Court has ruled that issues of fact cannot be discussed openly and freely; in certain cases the facts of an issue are not relevant, and the right to openly and freely discuss an issue does not exist.

One cannot discuss whether the alleged gas chamber in Auschwitz was for delousing or murdering prisoners.

One cannot discuss the relevance of ground penetrating radar scans of Treblinka.

One cannot discuss whether 6,000,000 was a propaganda figure invented by Stalin, or whether 1,500,000 was the number of individuals of a particular cultural group intentionally killed. (Under 500,000 is now accepted by the German Government as having been killed by gassing – it was claimed to have been done in a converted mortuary, now it is claimed it was done in two farm sheds outside the camp complex.)

One can still, for the moment, discuss the 3,000,000 German prisoners of war murdered by the United States in the two years after the cessation of hostilities on direct orders from the Presidency.

One can still, for the moment, discuss the Royal Australian Navy's bombardment of Newcastle, NSW under the guise of a Japanese attack to stir up some patriotic, pro-war sentiment, or

government involvement in the Port Arthur massacre.

But on certain issues the court has ruled that no discussion can be entered into.

This situation is remarkably similar to the trial of a woman in medieval Germany. She was accused of witchcraft, and of murdering and eating her child. Her husband disputed this, and the baby's body was exhumed. The court ruled that the facts of the corpse's existence were irrelevant, that in fact it was an illusion created by the devil, and the woman was burnt at the stake. There was an official 'reality', and physical reality was not recognised by the courts if it contradicted the official version.

This situation is essentially the same as existed in Stalinist Russia, and still exists in North Korea, where the facts are over-ruled if they are not in accordance with official doctrine. The Federal Court in Australia has ruled that there is an 'official version' of this part of history "the Jewish Holocaust" and that no questioning of this government viewpoint will be tolerated. There is an official 'reality', and physical reality is not recognised by the courts if it contradicts the official version.

It has often been said that the constitution of Australia, in this case the Bill of Rights, does not give any right to freedom of speech; the only legal freedom of speech it guarantees is the right of elected officials to say anything in Parliament without fear of lawsuit. The court has emphasised this; that citizens have no freedom of speech, no right of open discussion, on any topic that the courts choose to deny it.

There are questions on how many people of a particular cultural grouping - they are not a racial grouping - died in Germany during the mid-forties of last century, about why they died, about how they died. Ground penetrating radar scans of alleged mass graves, forensic analysis of sites alleged to have been used for gassing humans, interpretations of written orders or the lack thereof. All these issues may not be discussed in Australia by order of the Federal Court. The fact that you can show that GPR scans of an area prove that there are no bones and no ground disturbance may not lead onto a statement that therefore there is not a mass grave present. The fact that forensic analysis of samples taken from walls show that acknowledged de-lousing rooms do show traces of poisonous gas residue, but samples from rooms claimed to have been used for mass-murder do not show traces of such residue, may not lead onto a statement that therefore the actuality of such gassing is questionable.

Our forefathers were required to resort to armed insurrection to gain Magna Carta - their first constitutional safeguard from abuse of power by government.

Must we now do the same?

Media Persecution

Comment by Fredrick Töben

Now that Zionist racist Jeremy Jones has a judgment against me, most of the Australian media's editorial writers will fall in line. Why? It's the old 'fear of the Jews' syndrome, though I hasten to add that it is unjust and unbalanced to use 'Jew' as a collective term.

There are valiant Jewish individuals, in Australia, in Israel, and elsewhere in the world who support our fight against the racist Zionists, such as Jeremy Jones.

Elsewhere I shall comment on the Middle East tragedy - and how we need to support the Palestinians in their just cause to oust the Zionist entity from the Middle East.

When Jeremy Jones began the action against me before the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity

Commission (HREOC), he claimed to be doing this on behalf of Australian Jewry.



L. to R.: Rabbi Weiss, who opposes Zionist-apartheidracist Israel, and Dr Töben, who refuses to believe in the 'Holocaust', here sharing a point-of-view at *The Barnes Review* Third International Conference 'Authentic History & The First Amendment', Washington, D.C., 14 - 16 June 2002

Even the rather morally and intellectually unbalanced utterances of the commissioner could not support this claim, and she permitted Jones to represent the Executive Council of Australian Jews and its current members.

In the Federal Court of Australia (FCA), this claim was further whittled away and the action became one between Jeremy Jones v Fredrick Töben.

However, these matters remained minor irritations for him compared to what he has achieved through the present FCA judgment. All the same, the world knows that so-called World Jewry is just as fractured in points-of -view as are other pressure groups. It has, however, one unifying principle - the 'Holocaust'. But since 24 September 2002, I am not permitted to mention anything else about this concept — I have been gagged, but Jeremy Jones may continue to present his point-of-view. And we do know he has lied about matters pertaining to the court case.

Who cares? I do!

Australia's media is largely under Zionist influence. But this does not mean that there are not individuals who will stand up for a greater principle than that embraced by them, namely the legal principle of according an individual Natural Justice. Simply put, this means giving an individual a right-of-reply.

http://po77um.tripod.com/jews/toben.html

Claims of racism over Sydney councillor's eruv comments

Emily Bourke reported this story on Thursday, August 30, 2012 12:25:00

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ELEANOR HALL: A dispute on Sydney's north shore over plans to build a virtual fence or eruv for Orthodox Jews, has turned ugly with claims of anti-Semitism being levelled at a local councillor. The local council rejected the proposal last year, and has spent tens of thousands dollars defending its decision against legal appeals being brought by Jewish non-profit groups.

Now a local councillor has been accused of anti-Semitism after she made a sarcastic remark about Jewish non-profits groups.

Emily Bourke reports.

EMILY BOURKE: It's not the first time claims of anti-Semitism have cropped up on Sydney's north shore.

For more than five years the St Ives community has been divided over a plan to create a local eruv, or religious zone, for ultra-Orthodox Jews.

The plan involves hanging a thin wire between a series of dark green poles and existing telegraph poles but it's angered some locals who say the eruv would spoil the leafy streetscape of their suburb and scuttle the push to have poles and cables put underground.

But others say the opposition amounts to outright bigotry.

The Ku-ring-gai Council rejected the proposal but it's spent around \$170,000 defending its decision against court appeals.

But during a council meeting early this week, councillor Tony Hall questioned the wisdom of spending so much money fighting non-profit groups.

That question prompted a sarcastic remark about Jewish non-profit groups from a fellow councillor Elise Keavs.

The World Today has obtained a recording of part of that council meeting.

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MALE COUNCILLOR: If you look at the pages, it's been broken up into \$15,000 lots... Eleven of them. That adds up to \$174,359. Against a non-profit organisation, a community group.

ELISE KEAYS: Jewish, non-profit? Come on. (Laughter)

FEMALE: Councillors please. **ELISE KEAYS:** Please, come on.

EMILY BOURKE: The comment has sparked a furious response from the Vic Alhadeff from the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies.

VIC ALHADEFF: There was a perfectly legitimate discussion at Ku-ring-gai Council about this development application and that's part of the everyday business of council, it was an appropriate discussion.

What was entirely inappropriate was for one of the councillors to make a comment which endorsed a racist, negative stereotype. Those comments have no place in a council chamber, they have no place

in a harmonious society in which all of us want to live

EMILY BOURKE: The councillor has reportedly said that she was commenting more about the deep pockets of religious organisations. Isn't that fair comment?

VIC ALHADEFF: It is entirely not fair comment. In an ideal world nobody should be making racist comments. What has happened here is that there has been a DA for an eruv which is there's been in an eruv in Bondi for over 10 years, they exist all over the world.

Essentially there is a symbolic area which enables young mothers to get out with their babies, elderly people to push a stroller or a walking stick et cetera. What is very unfortunate is that the tone of this debate has descended whereas some interest groups have allowed misinformation, have pushed information into the public discourse, and the sort of tone which we heard at Ku-ring-gai Council has countered what should be a straight forward debate over a DA.

EMILY BOURKE: Is it possible though for members of the community to challenge, question, or even oppose an eruv without it being seen as bigoted or anti-Semitic?

VIC ALHADEFF: One-hundred per cent and I absolutely defend that right. We have a democracy and in a democracy the umpire's verdict is what stands. So we have a judge, we have a judicial system, and that is what makes us a very fierce and fantastic democracy and it is entirely possible and people should challenge that, that's what democratic debate is all about.

What we have seen enter this debate, and this DA over some time now, is a tone which is unsavoury, where the sorts of remarks we heard the other night where a racist stereotype is used against, in this case the Jewish people, but it could be against anybody.

So to oppose DAs - that's life. People put DAs in, they get opposed, they're accept it and we all move on. But what has been very unfortunate and not the Australian way is for racist stereotypes to enter the debate and to create a fear campaign and a fear atmosphere, an atmosphere of mistrust. That is unacceptable.

EMILY BOURKE: A final ruling on the eruv is still to be handed down by the Land and Environment Court.

ELEANOR HALL: Emily Bourke with that report. And Councillor Elise Keays says she's devastated and deeply distressed that such a simple comment has prompted claims of racism.



'Light-hearted' Jewish jibe lands councillor in trouble

James Robertson, August 30, 2012 - 3:00AM

A NORTH SHORE councillor has played down as "light-hearted" remarks she made questioning the existence of Jewish not-for-profit groups.

Cr Elise Keays made the remarks during a Tuesday night meeting of Ku-ring-gai Council. Councillors were debating the cost of its ongoing legal battle over the construction of an eruv, or symbolic Jewish spiritual boundary, around St Ives.

The council last year rejected an application to construct an eruv out of thin wires draped over electricity poles, in a meeting that was sometimes heated.

It has since spent about \$200,000 defending that decision in the Land and Environment Court against a challenge and subsequent appeal brought by Northern Eruv Inc. A final judgment is expected to be delivered soon.

Cr Tony Hall, one of only two councillors to initially support the eruv, questioned whether the council should have spent so much money in a fight against non-profit groups.

Cr Keays yesterday admitted she then interjected: "Jewish not-for-profit?"

She denied other accounts of the meeting in which she is alleged to have said: "Jewish not-for-profit - you're kidding!"

Council meetings are recorded but the tapes of Tuesday's meeting are yet to be reviewed.

"It was just a casual remark about the wealth of religious organisations," Cr Keays said, adding she would have made the remark had council been debating the sale of a cathedral. "It just happened to be that we were talking about a Jewish [group]. If I've caused offence, I am deeply sorry; the meeting at that stage was very light-hearted."

The mayor of Ku-ring-gai, Jennifer Anderson, said the remarks were 'most inappropriate' and said council could consider disciplinary action against Cr Keays if complaints were made.

The NSW Jewish Board of Deputies chief executive, Vic Alhadeff, condemned Cr Keays's comment as anti-semitic.

"The remark is an appalling racist stereotype which reflects extremely poorly on the councillor concerned," he said. "Coming from a councillor who is standing for re-election, it should make the people of Ku-ring-gai think carefully about the calibre of those they elect."

Statewide local government elections will be held on September 8.

"We're coming up to local council elections," Cr Keays said. "I'm being portrayed as anti-semitic; it's going to be completely damaging to my reputation. "I would hope that this isn't being done as malice against me."

http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/lighthearted-jewish-jibe-lands-councillor-in-trouble-20120829-2512m.html

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Subject: Don't blame the Jews, blame those that bend to Jewish pressure!

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If the comment, 'Jewish, non-profit? Come on' is labelled by VIC ALHADEFF as racist/antisemitic, then it's time to sue him for defamation.

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Dear Mayor and Councillors

- **1.** As the below transcript of **ABC RN The World Today** broadcast indicates, the charges against Councillor Keays for making racist/antisemitic remarks is an outrage and needs to be countered.
- **2.** Such intimidatory and bullying tactic, a usual one for the various Jewish Board of Deputies, needs firmly to be rejected by Council for the sake of free expression and don't let yourselves be lulled into the splitting of free expression into free speech and hate speech.
- **3.** If you permit the eruv to be constructed, then the next claim will be a continuation of kosher slaughter and male circumcision all in the name of religious freedom. Circumcision, especially, is what Jewish composer Giacomo Meyerbeer abhorred for a life-time by stating: 'I believe that richess is like love in the theatres and novels: no matter how often one encounters it...it never misses its target if effectively wielded...[Nothing] can grow back the **foreskin of which we are robbed on the eighth day** of life; those who, on the ninth day, do not bleed from this operation shall continue to bleed an entire lifetime, even after death. [66]
- **4.** So as to indicate to you that I know what this battle is all about I enclose a brief summary of my court appearance yesterday in Sydney's Magistrates Court before Registrar Ng.

Sincerely

Dr Fredrick Töben – Adelaide -currently in Sydney



Töben jailing 'valuable lesson' Story Added by ABC: 14th August 2009

The man who has pursued Fredrick Toben in the legal system for 13 years over his vilification of Jews on his website hopes others will be deterred from similar actions now that Toben has been jailed.

Toben has been sent to jail for three months by the full bench of the Federal Court, after losing a contempt of court appeal over offensive website material which breached a court order.

Jeremy Jones, who is a former president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, has been battling Toben since 1996 and launched contempt action three years ago.

He says the case serves as a valuable lesson for others.

"It's not something that you could ever be sort of saying 'This is a good thing or you're happy or whatever'," he said.

"I'm glad that it showed that the Australian law does take these matters seriously.

"It's not simply a matter of saying that 'Here's the law, you're breaching the law, you've done something wrong and that's the end of it'. It shows that there can be some consequences for your action and I think that has to be good for the entire Australian community."

http://www.efarming.com.au/News/general/14/ 08/2009/66485/toben-jailing-valuablelesson.html

Claims Conference Rips Hungary for 'Disgraceful' Tactics

By JTA August 29, 2012

The Claims Conference accused Hungary's government of "depriving" Holocaust survivors through "disgraceful" and "deceitful tactics."

The allegations came after Budapest demanded on Monday that the Claims Conference, an organization representing world Jewry in compensation talks on Holocaust-era crimes," return" \$12.6 million to Hungary's treasury.

An announcement published on the website of the Hungarian Ministry of Public Administration and Justice cited "discriminatory" methods by the Claims Conference that had "failed to properly report" on expenditure. Hungary would give the Claims Conference no more funds until the issue is solved, the announcement said.

Claims Conference Executive Vice President Greg Schneider told JTA that this was the first time in the organization's 62 years of operation "that a country has reneged when it came time to pay. We hope that intervention at the highest level in Hungary will resolve this issue for Hungarian survivors who need help."

According to the Hungarian ministry, the money Hungary is demanding is part of \$21 million pledged by the government in 2007 for the following five years for Holocaust survivors in Hungary and abroad. A new settlement was to be signed this year.

The money was transferred initially from the treasury to the Jewish Heritage of Hungary Public Endowment, or Mazsok – a committee of government officials and Jewish representatives. Mazsok transferred \$12.6 million to the Claims

Conference for distribution outside Hungary, the ministry said.

But the Claims Conference told JTA that the Hungarian government had failed to transfer \$5.6 million of the \$21 million pledged. In an email to JTA, the Claims Conference said it only spent approximately \$8 million received from Hungary.

"As a result of such conduct, thousands of Holocaust survivors will, unfortunately, be deprived of the assistance they so desperately need and had reason to expect," the Claims Conference added. It called Hungary's allegations "disgraceful" and "deceitful tactics."

In its statement, the Hungarian ministry said distribution of funds by the Claims Conference "was made on a far-from-equal footing, which represents discrimination to the detriment of Holocaust survivors living in Hungary." Based on the report submitted by the Claims Conference to date, "it is impossible to identify the individuals eligible for compensation," the ministry wrote on its website.

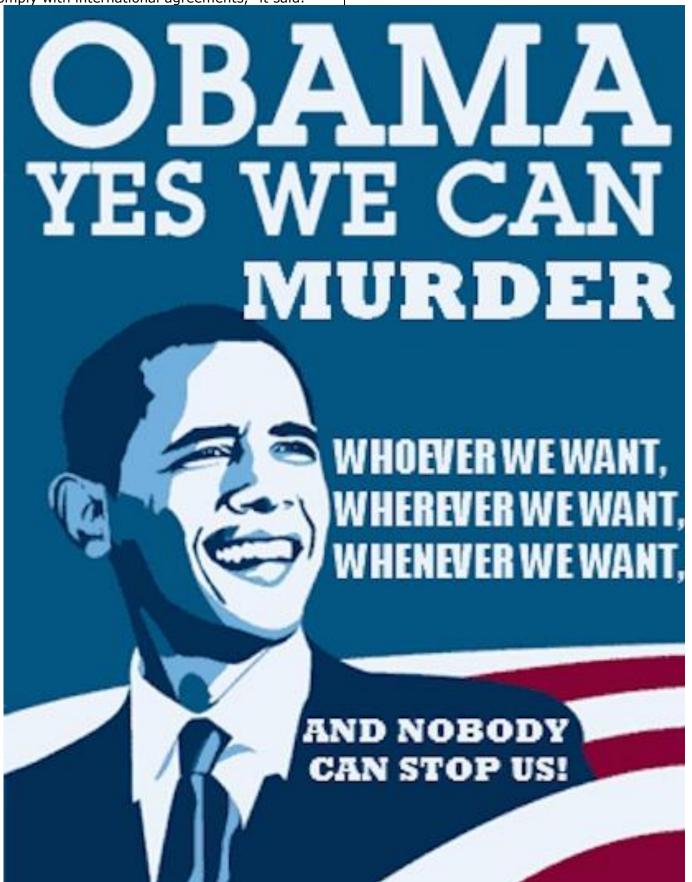
The Claims Conference, according to the email it sent JTA, gave Budapest a 400-page report containing the names of all recipients and how much they received.

"Every penny was transferred to a Hungarian survivor, not even one cent was spent on administration or any other expense," the Claims Conference said.

The email also said that funding for Holocaust survivors stopped after 2010, when the Fidesz party came to power.

"We call upon Prime Minister Orban to intercede in order to help needy Hungarian survivors who happen to live outside of Hungary today and comply with international agreements," it said.

http://forward.com/articles/161912/claimsconference-rips-hungary-fordisgracefultac/#ixzz250ye1Ei9



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AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SUGGESTS ASSASSINATION OF SYRIAN LEADERS

BY PATRICK OCONNOR 11 OCTOBER 2012

Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr has suggested that high-level Syrian government figures could be assassinated as part of the US-backed civil war to oust President Bashir al-Assad. Carrs remarks underscore the reckless and illegal character of the US-led regime change operation underway in Syria, taking place with the full support of the Australian Labor government.

Interviewed on Monday, 8 October 2012, on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Four Corners program, the foreign minister expressed concern that the Syrian army had proven a more effective fighting force than the so-called rebels, who have been funded and armed by Washington's allies in the region, including Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

'I think we'd know the conflict has evened up if there is a major defection from the Assad government, especially a defection that takes part of its armed forces with it', Carr continued. 'Perhaps this sounds brutal and callous perhaps an assassination, combined with a major defection taking a large part of its military, is what is required to get, one, a ceasefire, and, two, political negotiations'.

Asked if the prospect of defections and assassinations was merely hopeful conjecture, Carr replied: 'I have no intelligence data, none has flowed across my desk that suggests that this is about to happen'.

The foreign ministers casual tone made his remarks all the more chilling. Carr's statements were not, as he subsequently attempted to suggest, those of an outside observer musing on possible scenarios. He is an active participant in the Obama administration's campaign to install a pro-US government in from Damascus. Following on the Labor government's agitation for the **US-NATO** intervention into Libya last year, Canberra has become a member of the so-called Friends of Syria grouping. Carr is in regular discussion with US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and senior figures among the European powers and the Persian Gulf monarchies.

The foreign minister's Four Corners interview confirms that state-orchestrated murder is regarded as a legitimate instrument of foreign policy within the political establishment in Australia, as in the United States.

Earlier this year, the NEW YORK TIMES reported that President Barack Obama once a week personally

selects targets from a kill list prepared by his intelligence agencies. So far at least, there have been no US drone attacks within Syria. But US-backed and Al Qaeda-linked Islamic fundamentalist groups have carried out several attempted assassinations of high-level Syrian government and military figures, including by suicide bombers. Carr's remarks are further evidence that Washington and its allies have given the green light for such operations.

The foreign minister denied any knowledge when asked about Al Qaeda or Islamic fundamentalist involvement in the Syrian civil war. 'Nobody knows this', he declared. 'I've been at a Friends of Syria meeting in Paris, I've spoken about Syria with leaders from the Gulf, with the president of Egypt, with leaders of Western powers, and nobody can tell you. There's no intelligence because to a large extent, outside Damascus, observation doesn't exist'.

This is all self-serving dissimulation. As Carr knows full well, hundreds if not thousands of Islamic fundamentalist fighters have travelled to Syria from across the region. The Free Syria Army heavily relies their fighting experience, knowledge explosives, and discipline. Underscoring the fraud of the US war on terror, Al Qaeda has effectively become an ally of US imperialism in Syria. Turkey, Washington's NATO ally, has not only set up centres to train and arm the rebels on its soil, it has sent its army officers into Syria to direct their operations. The CIA has set up a command-and-control centre in Adana, Turkey, 95 kilometres from Syria's northern border, to coordinate the influx of arms, foreign fighters, money and supplies to the anti-Assad forces. The regime change drive in Syria has again shown the Australian government to be the loyal servant of Washington, Prime Minister Julia Gillard devoted much of her speech at the UN General Assembly last month to demanding that member states rubberstamp a military intervention into Syria and an attack on Iran. See: Australian PM demands UN rubberstamp war on Svria and Iran.

Carr told Four Corners on Monday that he believed that the military strength of the Assad regime would militate against intervention. In other words, Carr's scepticism is based purely on tactical considerations, not any opposition in principle to a neo-colonial invasion of Syria. If Washington proposed an air war or military attack on Syria, Canberra would immediately fall in behind it. In this, the Labor

government enjoys the support of the entire Australian political establishment.

The Greens have been at the forefront of the campaign for imperialist intervention on phony humanitarian grounds, moving several motions in federal and state parliaments backing the US-led campaign. As early as June 2011, the Greens passed a resolution through the New South Wales parliament demanding the international community move to create and enforce safe zones within Syria. In February this year, federal Greens leader Bob Brown denounced Russia's and Chinas veto of a US-drafted UN Security Council resolution that would have paved the way for a military intervention as reprehensible. He declared that the whole world has to act more strongly.

The political line-up agitating for a military assault on Syria extends to the petty bourgeois pseudo-left organisations. All of them, without exception, have hailed the US-NATO proxy forces in Syria as revolutionaries. Socialist Alternative, which has close relations with the US International Socialist Organisation, has seized on the opportunity to repudiate its nominal opposition to previous imperialist interventions, including the 2011 operation against Libya.

The editor of Socialist Alternatives magazine, Corey Oakley, wrote an article in August, The left, imperialism and the Syrian revolution, declaring that emphasis on the imperialist threat is profoundly mistaken and the time for knee-jerk anti-imperialism has now passed. Oakley admitted that only a fool would deny that the imperialist powers are intervening in Syria, or that there are deeply reactionary elements present among the rebel forces. But he blithely insisted that these negative aspects had been overstated. In any case, Oakley concluded, it was entirely legitimate for such forces to be funded and armed by the imperialist powers.

The Socialist Equality Party is alone in seeking to mobilise the working class against the danger of a war against Syria. Washington and its allies are threatening a full-scale intervention, not in order to defend the democratic rights of the Syrian people but to advance their predatory interests across the oil-rich Middle East, following the illegal wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and in tandem with a possible US-Israeli bombardment of Iran. The recklessness and gangsterism that now characterises imperialist diplomacy threatens the entire region and the world with catastrophe.

http://www.wsws.org/articles/2012/oct2012/carr-o11.shtml



US Embassy security chief shot dead in Yemen in killing that 'bears hallmarks of al-Qa'ida attack' Ahmed al Haj Thursday 11 October 2012

A masked gunman assassinated a Yemeni security official who worked for the US Embassy in a driveby shooting near his home in the capital Sanaa today, officials said.

Yemeni officials said the killing bore the hallmarks of an attack by the al-Qa'ida offshoot in Yemen, but it was too early to determine whether the group was behind it. The assassination resembles other attacks recently that have targeted Yemeni intelligence, military and security officials. Those attacks are believed to be in retaliation for a military offensive by Yemen's **US-backed** government against Yemen-based al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), which Washington considers the most dangerous offshoot of the global terror network.

AQAP has called for attacks on US embassies in a bid to exploit the anti-American sentiment that has swept the Middle East and other parts of the Muslim world in the past month over an anti-Islam film produced in the United States.

Initially, the film was linked to an attack on the US Consulate in the Libyan city of Benghazi on September 11 which left four Americans dead including US Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens. US officials said later the attack was not linked to the video.

AQAP praised the killing of US diplomats in Libya, describing it as "the best example" for those attacking embassies to follow.

Yemeni officials identified the embassy security official as Qassem Aglani, in his fifties. He was on

his way to work when a gunman on a motorcycle opened fire at him and fled the scene. The attack was in western Sanaa, close to Aqlani's home, while the embassy is located in eastern Sanaa.

Aqlani had been working for the U.S. Embassy for nearly 20 years, said the officials who spoke condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media. Most recently, he was in charge of investigating a Sept. 12 assault on the U.S. Embassy by angry Yemeni protesters over the anti-Islam film. Protesters stormed the embassy and set fire to a US flag before government forces dispersed them with tear gas. That attack came one day after the killings of the Americans in Benghazi.

AQAP had taken advantage of a security and political vacuum created by last year Arab Spring-inspired uprising and seized territories and cities in the south. The government-led offensive has pushed the militants out to mountainous areas from where they have been staging suicide attacks and assassinations inside cities.

Two weeks ago, a top intelligence official, Col. Abdullah al-Ashwal, was also killed in a drive-by shooting in Sanaa.

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middleeast/us-embassy-security-chief-shot-dead-in-yemen-inkilling-that-bears-hallmarks-of-alqaida-attack-8206920.html

.Remember this recent prediction ...

More Al Qaeda pre-US election attacks forecast: Americans quietly lifted out

DEBKAfile Exclusive Report October 2, 2012, 11:00 AM (GMT+02:00



Ayman Zuwahiri threatens anti-US terror offensive

Just five weeks before Americas presidential election, US intelligence reports signs that al Qaeda leader Ayman Zuwahiri is preparing a string of terrorist attacks as the sequel to the murders of US ambassador Chris Stevens and three other US officials in Benghazi on Sept. 11, according to evidence collected across Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

His twin goals are to influence the polls results and to build up his reputation as a master of spectacular terrorist operations. Eager to impress Al Qaedas franchise chiefs, <u>Zuwahiri is reported to be celebrating his Benghazi feat</u> his first as Al Qaeda leader - and boasting of the harm to the Obama campaign caused by his administrations stammering denials that it was an act of terror. The new terrorist chief claims his tactics had an instant, devastating impact on Washington and they were therefore superior to those of his predecessor, Osama bin Laden.

The Al Qaeda leader is now seen - not only by US intelligence experts, but by most experts in the West, the Middle East and Israel - to be impatient to capitalize on this success and so dramatically

expose to the Muslim world Americas perceived weakness and his own worth as commander of the jihadist movement.

His planning for a new offensive has taken advantage of the Arab Spring upheavals in the Middle East and North Africa and turned them around to strike at the heart of the Obama administrations Middle East policy objectives. The Arab revolutions have let Islamist extremist and fundamentalist Salafi groups off the leash in Tunisia, Libya and Egypt, while Lebanon Jordan, Iraq and Syria teeter on the brink of chaos. The extremists now enjoy free rein to organize for political action while also gaining access to vast stocks of modern arms.

In the view of Western counterterrorism experts, Salafi groups have long maintained clandestine relations with al Qaeda, especially Ayman Zuwahiri, who joined al Qaeda in the first place as head of the violent Egyptian Islamic Jihad and stayed in close touch with its secret cells.

Al Qaeda planning also took advantage of the US counterterrorism focus in the last couple of years on the Arabian Peninsula franchise (AQAP) based in Yemen. Less US attention was devoted to the Islamist extremism simmering in North African and other Middle East arenas. It was there that Zuwahiri went to work to fashion new terrorist networks alongside Al Qaeda in the Maghreb (AQIM) from the Salafi groups now rampant across a broad geographical area encompassing Libya,

Tunisia, Algeria and Mali and thrusting into the Middle East through Egyptian Sinai.

America is therefore confronted with a broad new al Qaeda front, armed with scanty intelligence. Worst of all, Washington cant trust the new regimes and local military and intelligence organizations, thrown into power in the post-Arab revolt countries, for cooperation in fighting terror.

Instead of confrontation, the Obama administration has opted for retreat.

DEBKAfiles exclusive sources report that an administration team has hurriedly put together a list of 20 endangered countries where US diplomatic, military and economic may be targeted for al Qaeda attack.

The list is prioritized according to the level of risk and US security capability for protection.

The highest-risk locations have been quietly evacuated either to the US or West European countries - leaving only a skeleton staff behind for emergencies. A senior American source told DEBKAfle Tuesday that Tunisia, Libya, Mali, Nigeria

and Egypt have been virtually denuded of a US presence.

Middle East intelligence observers have told **DEBKAfile** that they dont recall US diplomatic military and intelligence personnel, businessmen and technical staff with their families being withdrawn from the region on this scale or at comparable speed.

President Obama made American retreat his order of the day after refusing to heed calls for a US military operation against AQIM and its head, Abdelmalek Droukdel. It was Droukdel, according to accumulating intelligence who, acting on behalf of Zuwahiri, orchestrated the Libyan Ansar al-Shariah militias murderous attack on the US Benghazi consulate.

The Washington Post reported Tuesday, Oct. 1, that Obama also decided against a punitive attack against al Qaedas stronghold in Mali.

http://www.debka.com/article/22398/More-Al-Qaeda-pre-US-election-attacks-forecast-Americans-quietly-lifted-out

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Rhiannon at rally with 9/11 conspiracy theorist BY: CHRISTIAN KERR From: The Australian September 17, 2012 12:00AM

GREENS senator Lee Rhiannon participated in a rally with one of Australia's most prominent 9/11 conspiracy theorists to argue against mandatory internet filtering.

Footage on YouTube shows the senator, then a NSW Legislative Councillor, endorsing comments against web censorship by Hereward Fenton, editor and founder of the www.911oz.com site, at a protest in Parramatta in March 2010.

"That says it beautifully," it shows her saying.

A second YouTube video from the same day shows the senator responding to concerns from Joshua Jackson, a colleague of Mr Fenton's from a second conspiracy website, Truth News Radio Australia -- including fears that internet filtering could restrict discussion of "Israeli policies against Palestine" -- by saying: "You've summed it up really well."

The Truth News site includes a forum for "reasoned argument and discussion about Israel as a state sponsor of terrorism".

It also carries a plea from Mr Fenton for readers to contact the ABC, which published an item of his on "unanswered 9/11 questions" on The Drum website in 2008, asking for more coverage of the "truther" cause.

"Please don't mention the word Zionism," the request concludes.

Mr Fenton is overseas and could not be contacted for comment yesterday.

The revelation comes as links emerge between a third 9/11 conspiracy theorist associated with Senator Rhiannon and the hard Right.

Liberal senator Arthur Sinodinos last week revealed links between the senator and a former member of the Illawarra Greens, John Bursill.

Mr Bursill, another Truth News contributor, addressed the 2009 meeting of the Sydney Forum, an annual gathering organised by Australia First leader Jim Saleam.

Dr Saleam first won notoriety in the 1970s when he was photographed wearing a Nazi armband.

Speakers at other Sydney Forum meetings have included the prominent Holocaust denier Frederick Toben.

Mr Bursill told The Australian yesterday that while he was no longer a member of the Greens, he still came in contact with members of the party through the anti-coal-seam gas movement.

He could not recall the exact details of his involvement with the Greens. "It was . . . for a few years, that's as close as I could get off the top of my head," he said.

Senator Sinodinos said the YouTube videos spoke for themselves.

http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/rhiannon-atrally-with-911-conspiracy-theorist/story-e6frg6nf-1226475221816



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Rav Ovadia Yosef: We Must Pray for the Destruction of Iran

By Jacob Edelist, The Jewish Press, 26 August 2012

With the approach of Rosh Hashana, Rav Ovadia Yosef said on Saturday night (Aug. 25, 2012) that when we eat the traditional holiday symbolic foods, whose names or shapes have a symbolic connection to our supplications to Hashem, especially when we make the blessing over the dates, t'marim, and pray that our enemies be obliterated, we should focus specifically on Iran, the wicked nation which is threatening the State of Israel. "May the good Lord obliterate them, destroy them..."

Tractate Kritut in the Babylonian Talmud teaches that we should eat on Rosh Hashanah, among other fruits, a date – "tamar" – which contains the syllable "tam" or ended, and after eating a portion of it we should say, "May it be Your will, our God and the God of our fathers, that all our enemies and haters and all who plots against us be terminated."

Also, when we eat a leek ("kreti") we should appeal to God that our enemies and haters along with anyone who plots against us be destroyed, the Rav clarified that we should focus on the Hizbullah and Iran. "May God destroy them and wipe them off

the face of the earth," said the Rav and quoted many sources in Psalms referring to the Almighty's salvation in the face of enemy threats. "They go by chariot and on horseback and we will go in the name of Our God. They bowed and fell, and we got up and persevered."

During discussions throughout the previous week, Rav Ovadia referred to the Iranian threat, saying, "There are evil people, the Iranians, waiting to destroy uswe must pour out our hearts in prayer to the Holy One, blessed be His Name. . . .We are in danger, we are all in danger. . . .We have no one to rely upon, except our Father in Heaven. We must pray from the heart with deep concentration."

The Haredi website Kikar HaShabbat last week reported that General (Res.) Yaakov Amidror, Chief Advisor for National Security, came to Rav Ovadia's house and briefed him with information of Iran's nuclear plan.

http://www.jewishpress.com/news/breakingnews/rav-ovadia-yosef-we-must-pray-for-thedestruction-of-iran/2012/08/26/